

EXPORT OF FISH MEAL TO JAPAN

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USDA/APHIS/VS will issue export certificates for fishmeal to Japan. A VS Form 16-4 should be used with the following additional declaration:

"the fishmeal produced in processing plants is delegated only to fishmeal production where no material of animal origin other than fish protein is being used."

Before this document can be signed, an inspection should be done of the exporting facility to ensure that only fish protein is being produced. No approval number is necessary. Hourly user fees should be charged for the inspection. Yearly inspections should be done thereafter, unless there is concern that the facility is not in compliance.